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1. During the first week of March 1952, eight railway tankcars containing SMV-produced oil which had been shipped to Pét, Hungary, in late February were returned full to the Vienna-Stadlau railroad station, apparently as the result of sabotage.* The matter was brought to the immediate attention of Meszhart officials and Kuravin, deputy to Soviet Director Lisia. O. the Ioban tankfarm, who in turn presented a written report to Sikorenko, chief of the SMV's Antgasse Headquarters. Kuravin, when informed that the oil shipments had been returned, became irate, declaring that in view of the current oil shortage in Hungary this incident was undoubtedly an act of sabotage.**

2. Meantime, by 17 March 1952, at least two more occurrences of this sort had been recorded; although the exact dates are not available, it is known that in one case four tankcars were returned full, and in another case, one.***

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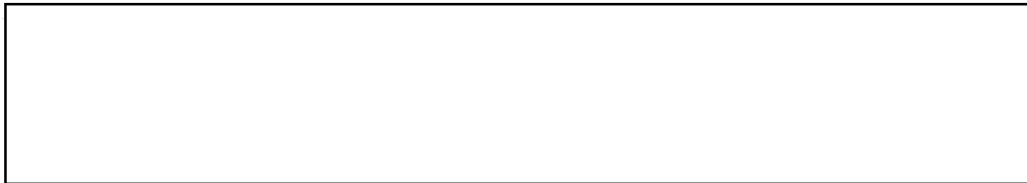
3. Queried as to the background of the alleged sabotage, [redacted] stated that all shipments of SMV crude oil and refined products are made for delivery to Hungary are consigned to the Hungarian trade trust Chemolimpex and forwarded by Meszhart's Vienna agency. Oil which has been stored in the Ioban tankfarm is loaded on tankcars and despatched from the Stadlau railroad station in trains of 25 to 50 cars. The older type tankcars hold ten tons of oil; the newer cars have a 15 to 20-ton capacity. Owing to the present shortage of tankcars, the Hungarians are now using 200 cars which are rented from Rumania. Shipments are routed from Stadlau via Back a/L Leitaa to Hegyeshalom at the Austro-Hungarian border and thence to a storage depot (Oelkolonie) in [redacted]. There is no set schedule for these shipments: new transports are despatched as soon as empty tankcars have been returned from Hungary. Each shipment which is despatched to Hungary is accompanied by a bill of lading prepared at SMV Headquarters. The copy

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[REDACTED] Comment: This location is not listed in available gazetteers.
 However, [REDACTED]
 in MAY 1959 advised [REDACTED] that crude oil shipments dispatched
 to Hungary from the Matzen railroad station are addressed as follows:
 Péti Ásványolaj Igari Vállalat, Péti Gyártelep Allomás.

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[REDACTED] Comment: The [REDACTED]
 exports [REDACTED]
 already been delivered by the end of March. Therefore, [REDACTED]
 reported complaints from Hungarian refinery officials, who were deterred
 for the necessary oil to meet their production norms, the Soviets
 allocated an additional 20,000 tons. Of this amount, between 10,000
 and 15,000 tons were to be supplied by the SAM.

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